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HONGKONG.

The Members of the above Club will give
their
FOURTH PERFORMANCE
of the Season at the
THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,
ON
MONDAY, 10th FEBRUARY,
when will be presented the Popular Burlesque
of
"ALADDIN, OR THE WONDERFUL
SOAPMAN."
Doors open at 8.30. Performance to close
at Nine o'clock.
Tickets may be had at Messrs. LANE, O'CONNOR & Co.'s on and after Wednesday, 1st
February.

OSAS. C. COHEN,
Honorary General Secretary.
168, Hongkong, 29th January, 1877.
HONGKONG HARTFORD CLUB

ANNUAL FLOWER

TABLES SHOW will be held in
PUBLIC GARDENS ON FRIDAY, the 1st
and SATURDAY, the 17th February
Admission—First Day, 51, Second Day,
50 Cents.
Payment on the Gate, or Tickets may be
of Messrs. LAKE, CHONG & CO.,
101, 288, Hongkong, 7th February, 1877.
FOR YOKOHAMA AND HOGO.
The British Steamer
"CAIRNSMUIR"
Dep. shortly from London and Singapore
receives immediate despatch as above.
For Freight apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.
Agents,
261 Hongkong, 12th February, 1877.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND
CALCUTTA.
THE British Steamship
"HINDOSTAN,"
Captain T. S. Gardner will leave this for
above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th inst
at 3 p.m.

DAVID SASSOON,

260 Hongkong, 12th February, 1877.
 FUK SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND
 CALCUTTA.
 THE Steamship
 "ABSTELL,"
 D. Scott, Commander, will leave for the
 Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th instanc
 at 3 P.M.
 Despatches will close at 2.30 P.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 JARDINE, MATTHEW &
 CO., 258 Hongkong, 10th February, 1877.
 HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DO
 COMPANY, LIMITED.
 NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
 CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS
 requested to send in an Account
 of business contributed during the Half
 ended 31st December, 1876, or before
 13th instant, on which date the Accounts
 will be closed.
 By Order of the Directors,
 J. D. GILLIE,
 Secretary.
 174 922: Hongkong, 9th February, 1877.
 HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MAC
 STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
 THERE will be no MACAO STEAM
 MORROW (Tuesday), the 15th in
 By Order, J. D. GILLIE, Secretary.

255 Hongkong, 10th F

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP *TIGRE*.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSENGERS
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per *St. Ephraim*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and their risks at the Company's Godowns.

Optional Charge will be for

information is received from the Customs
TO-DAY, 15th inst., at 5 o'clock, at 5
quoting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned
Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after
TO-DAY, the 15th inst., at Noon, will be
to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected
E. P. AGENT

226 Hongkong, 9th February, 1878
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG,
SINGAPORE.

THE British Steamship *Andaman*,
T. S. Gardner, having arrived
above Port, Consignees of Cargo to be
hereto registered and sent inland Bills of
Lading to the Underwriters, and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the
will be at once landed and stored at
risk and at owner's expense.

DAVID SASSOON, GONS.
74 264 Hongkong, 9th February,
1878.

BRITISH SHIP *SARAH NICHOL*
FROM LONDON.

Consignees of Cargo by the above
VESSEL are hereby requested to
their Bills of Lading to the Under
Consignment, and, to take im
livery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of
will be landed and stored at Consig

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**FROM LONDON, PENANG,
SINGAPORE.**

THIS Steamship Cyphren has been
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being landed at their risk by the U
into their Godowns, whence they
or Bata, delivery of which shall be
Optional Cargo will be forwarded
notice to the contrary is given here-
to.

Goods remaining in Godowns at
instead, will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersig-
Understand.

No Fire Insurance has been effected
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281 Hongkong St. February 17,
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNMENTS per Company
Gardiner & Co. Ltd. are received
Qargo is being discharged into Un-
at the Godowns of the Undergen-

own on and after the 8th of June, 1914.

1977, will be subject to Rent.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
81 245 Hongkong, 7th February

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At 113, Queen's Road, the 10th instant, the will of Mr. T. MARR, Ordinance Store Department, of a Son.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 12th, 1877.

No contradiction has been given to the report that Sir Brooke Robinson is to be sent on the Blockade Commission, and there is only too much reason to fear that it is correct. In view of the interests involved it is to be hoped that the members of the Commission of Commerce will take the opportunity of expressing a decided opinion upon the subject at their meeting to-day. It is well known to everyone in this Colony that the appointment of Sir Brooke Robinson as Consul at Canton on the Commission would be almost certain to render a really satisfactory solution of the difficulty unobtainable. The Commission is to be appointed,

to use the terms of the Chefoo Convention, "in order to the establishment of some system that shall enable the Chinese Government to protect its revenue without prejudice to the interests of the Colony" of Hongkong. The Commission is to consist of a British Consul, a Chinese official of equal rank, and an official belonging to the Hongkong Government. Now it is sufficiently obvious that the Chinese official and the Hongkong representative are not likely to see eye to eye in this matter, their opinions as to what prejudicial the interests of the Colony being naturally very different, and it is the more necessary, therefore, that the other member of the Commission should be completely free from all bias and likely to enjoy the confidence of both of his colleagues. It is notorious that Sir Brooke Robinson sees every question affecting the Chinese through the medium of mandarin glasses, and this is apparent to all who have read his despatches in reference to the action of the Canton Customs officers. His opinion is not only protecting their revenue, and that we have no right to dictate to them as to the method in which this shall be done. "So long as their proceedings do not affect the interests of this Colony, and their officials do not trespass within its waters, this argument will hold good. But considering the first place, that the native trade has fallen off a first Sir Brooke strongly disputes—and, in the second place, that British waters have been repeatedly violated by the Customs officers, we are fully justified in demanding that some new system of collection shall be adopted whereby these grievances may be avoided. With the Canton Consul and a Chinese Mandarin to contend with, however, it is to be feared the Hongkong Commissioner will find it well nigh impossible to come to any agreement on the subject. There is still time, it is to be hoped, to appeal against the appointment of Sir Brooke Robinson on the Commission, and this should be done without delay. That worthy knight is, we are glad to say, steadily recovering from the serious illness which has lately prostrated him, and ought to be spared the fatigue of sitting on the Commission, for his health's sake if for no other reason. It would, too, in all probability, be satisfactory to him to be relieved from an appointment in which he would stand so little chance of helping forward a settlement of this long-standing and vexing question in conformity with the wishes of his fellow-countrymen.

The remarks of the *Poochow Herald* on the trade prospects of the port of Wen-chow appear to be reasonable and practical. As may be expected, considering that the new port is likely in a certain degree to clash with the interests of Poochow, our contemporary does not go into raptures over the advantages likely to accrue from the opening of Wen-chow to foreign trade. It does not consider that the new port is likely to prove a great centre of commerce, but thinks it more probable that it will become, like Hongkong, a kind of feeder to the adjacent markets. These anticipations remain, of course, to be proved, but the probabilities are certainly in favour of their turning out correct. Foreign merchants, it is true, have agreed to reasonable discrimination to increase their establishments, and they will therefore be loth to go to Wen-chow just to suit the convenience of some of the tea growers. But while it is doubtful whether Wen-chow will fulfil all the sanguine expectations formed in connection with its conversion into a treaty port, its opening cannot fail to impart some stimulus to trade. That it is the natural outlet for a large tea district is stated on good authority, but with regard to its staple products and resources, opinions differ somewhat. More accurate information will, however, be obtained on this head when the British Consul proceeds thither to formally open the port. Meantime, it is as well to place moderate estimates on the advantages expected to arise from its inclusion with the treaty ports. It is ill-advised, moreover, that no reckless or ill-considered steps will be taken by foreign merchants, who should avoid overdoing the place at the outset. But the warning is, fortunately, less needed than it was some few years ago.

Another change has taken place in the Government of Turkey; MIDHAT PASHA, the Grand Vizier, has been dismissed from his post by the SUZUKI. It is less than three months since MIDHAT, the author of the new Constitution, was raised to power and office, and his unexpected dismissal looks rather like a reaction in policy. Whether it has arisen from a mere whim of the SUZUKI's, or whether he has taken this step in deference to public opinion, it is impossible to say. MIDHAT was, perhaps, the only real reformer in the Ottoman Empire, and it is possible that the Sultan has seen reason to regret his appointment. At all events, his removal appears to indicate something of the kind. It is noticeable that the Queen's Speech speaks hopefully of the chances of peace being maintained, in spite of the rejection by Turkey of the proposals of the Powers. At present, however, there seems a great deal of uncertainty about the future, and this can only be cleared up by Russia announcing a definite policy.

Notices given in Saturday's *Gazette* that tomorrow, being Chinese New Year's Day, will be observed as a holiday throughout the Government Departments.

At the Peak the maximum temperature during the week ending Saturday was 66.0, the minimum 55.0; at the Harbour Master's Office, Peak West, the maximum was 74.5, and the minimum 58.5. (4.0) inch of rain fell during the week.

A steamer on board the Danish steamer *Norden* in some way or other fell down the hatchway at the Harbour Master's Office, and yesterday (Sunday) hopes were entertained of a recovery.

From a table of meteorological observations taken at the Government Lock Hospital by Dr. Ayres during the month of January, and published in Saturday's *Gazette*, it appears that only 0.03 inch of rain fell in that month, compared with 1.01 in January, 1876.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that H. E. the Governor has appointed previously and until further notice Thomas Middleton Leatherbarrow to be in charge of the Quarantine Depot, and John de Silva, Acting Assistant Inspector of Junks, Mr. Webster and How, dismissed as absent without leave.

The next sitting of the Supreme Court in Summary Jurisdiction will be held on Thursday next instead of tomorrow.

We understand that His Excellency the Governor will not leave here for Queensland until some time about the middle of next month.

The Agents (Messrs. Holliday, Wills & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Cairnmuir*, from London, left Singapore on Saturday for this port.

The following account, duly certified, of the average amount of banknotes in circulation in Hongkong, is published in Saturday's *Gazette* for general information.

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